

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-10, 14-17, and 19-24 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-13, 15-18, and 20-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ohsaki et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,088,115). Claims 5, 7, 14 and 19 stand object to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Although the above rejection is respectfully traversed, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicant elects to rewrite objected to claims 5, 7, 14, and 19 in independent form. In accordance therewith, claims 1, 4, 6, 11-13, and 18 are cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 8-10, and 23 depend from rewritten claim 5. Claims 15-17 depend from rewritten claim 14. Claims 20-22 depend from rewritten claim 19. Claim 24 depends from rewritten claim 7. As such all claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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